

# The Washington State Information Technology and Internet Security Program Charter

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Whereas, information technology security and Internet security are primarily risk management issues;

Whereas, a series of high-profile incidents in the private sector have highlighted the potential risks of outside hackers and corporate insiders intent on undermining the security of sensitive data;

Whereas, such attacks on corporate computing installations have exposed potential vulnerabilities and resulted in calls for changes in law, policy, and procedures;

Whereas, the conduct of vital public business -- once done exclusively on multiple, closed, proprietary networks -- is moving increasingly to the open Internet;

Whereas, public accountability and the availability of public services rely on thoroughgoing security measures;

Whereas, protecting personal privacy and maintaining public trust in government are central priorities of Washington State, as detailed in [Executive Order 00-03](#);

Whereas, the Washington State Legislature has authorized the Information Services Board (ISB) to set statewide policy for the protection of the sensitive data held by state agencies, and by the systems used to create and manage such data;

Whereas, the Washington State Information Technology Security Policy promotes an enterprise approach to security in state government that requires adherence to a common security architecture, recognizes interdependent relationships among agencies, and creates a shared, trusted environment for the conduct of the public's business; and,

Whereas, the policy reflects extensive and ongoing research, design, and implementation of a contemporary Internet security architecture for the Washington State enterprise;

Now Therefore, the Information Services Board and the Department of Information Services (DIS) create the Washington State Information Technology and Internet Security (ITIS) Program to ensure the integrity of vital public assets.